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Title: Need to provide train connectivity from Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu to various important cities of the country.

* SHRI C. SIVASAMI (TIRUPPUR): Mr. Chairman, Sir, Tiruppur town in Tamil Nadu is world famous for its spinning industry and exports in a big scale. Recently, a new district was carved out with Tiruppur as its headquarters. Thousands of people throng Tiruppur everyday from various districts of the State and from various States of the country. Many of these travelling public are put to avoidable inconvenience as there is no direct train connectivity between Tiruppur and Chennai. At least, thousands tonnes of cargo is transported from Tiruppur to Chennai everyday. Hence, I urge upon the Union Government to introduce a new Daily Express Train between Tiruppur and Chennai taking steps to this on a war footing.

Daily Express Train No. 6610 running between Coimbatore and Nagercoil running via Tiruppur has got only 14 coaches. I request the Railways to add 10 more coaches to benefit the passengers from Tiruppur to make the best use of this train.

Daily Passenger Train No. 607 running between Erode and Coimbatore is parked idle between 9.15 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. at Coimbatore. This train may be run as a day train between Coimbatore and Salem via Tiruppur and Erode.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please conclude. You may write your suggestions to the Railway Minister.

*SHRI C. SIVASAMI : I am concluding in a minute, Sir.

The Train No. 6343 between Thiruvananthapuram and Palakkad may be extended upto Erode to benefit the passengers from these industrial towns.

I also urge upon the Railways to consider introducing trains between Erode and Mumbai and also between Erode and Delhi via Tiruppur, Coimbatore and Palakkad as Express Trains running on the Konkan railway system.

Tiruppur may also be provided with 5 additional Road Over Bridges and an additional Computerised Railway Reservation Centre.

* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Tamil.